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1. Four different sailors [redacted] reported that they saw no Soviet war vessels of any kind on their trip to or from Helsinki. They did see the regular patrol boat which guards the approaches to the off-limits area off Porkkala. They also observed large smoke clouds off the coast in the direction of Baltischport (Baltiski) which could have been produced by a naval flotilla.
2. [redacted] a German motorship was approached by a Soviet speedboat "K273". The Russian vessel was travelling without position lights. It circled the German vessel and required it to stop by firing a shot across the bow. The calibre of the shot was estimated to be 20 mm. The speedboat then approached within calling distance and asked: "Where are you from?". After receiving the reply: "From Kotka", the Russian boat approached within five meters. After a pause of some minutes, the German ship was allowed to proceed. The speedboat followed it for about one-half hour. The spot where the incident took place was: 59° 48' 4" N; 24° 50' E. Line of direction bearing was: Porkkala, true direction 283° and Kockskaer true direction 139°. On a later trip to Kotka, the captain heard from Finnish naval officers that the incident was typical of the area.
3. [redacted] on the way out of the Finnish archipelago, the same motorship sighted the periscope of a submerged submarine travelling in an easterly direction. The motorship was travelling in the direction of the Hangoe - Russaroe lights. A Russian ocean-going tug passed at about the same time towing a loaded tanker of about 600 tons.
4. [redacted] on the heights of Orrengrund, the same motorship sighted a Soviet destroyer going full speed (about 35-40 knots) in an easterly direction. The two vessels approached one another at about 3:30 p.m. and the following particulars could be observed:

Two-stack destroyer with light tripod mast, probably of Italian construction. The Arabic numerals "639" were on both sides. The name of the vessel began with the letter "O", but it was not possible to read the rest of the name because it was in Russian letters. The destroyer had a gun turret fore and aft.

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The weapons were covered. The torpedo tubes were located between the stacks. There was a superstructure deck which stood about one meter higher than the gun turrets. On it were a row of covered apparatus which could have been rocket or depth-bomb launchers. Two diode aerials (Stabantennen) were on the bridge.

5. The captain of the same motorship spoke to an anti-Russian Finnish customs man in Kotka. This man told him that the Soviets are accelerating the construction of 500 speedboats which, like the Soviet submarines, are being built in Russia. Finland may build only merchant ships.\*
  6. The East German lugger HEINRICH MANN was sighted east of the Gjedser lightship [redacted] It appeared to be running to the Sund from Warnemünde. The fishing gear was securely fastened and did not give the impression of having seen much use.
  7. [redacted] the construction of underground installations in the area has been accelerated. Finnish trains travelling through the forbidden zone around Porkkala are sealed and the curtains drawn to prevent observation of the area.
  8. The Russian tug, SANNEKOV, passed through the Kaiser Wilhelm Canal [redacted] with a badly damaged steamer in tow. The steamer had either been burned out or sunk. It was of about 1,500 tons, bore no markings and was towed by its stern post. It was on its way to a Dutch shipyard where it is to be reconstructed.
  9. A Russian mine sweeping flotilla was seen between Oderbank and Adlergrund [redacted] It consisted of six Russian mine sweepers and five R-boats of the East German Sea Police. The Russian vessels were about 30 meters long; the East Zone boats corresponded to former German R-boats. The vessels worked with gear until dusk and took off in a southerly direction. An East Zone lugger also worked with them.
  10. About one and one-half miles southwest of the Adlergrund lightship two Russian hoisting ships were seen. They were apparently engaged in lifting a wreck.
  11. The captain of a West German motorship from Hamburg loaded coal in Stolpmünde [redacted] His vessel was in the West Harbor which offers a place for four or five coastal motorships. There are no cranes. Two Polish soldiers guarded the vessel. The harbor area was fenced in and largely hidden from view.
  12. The skipper of a Swedish vessel reports that his vessel and four others loaded coal in Stolpmünde [redacted] He and his children were allowed to land under guard to transact business, but his wife had to remain on board. He found the city very much destroyed and almost empty of inhabitants.
- 25X1 [redacted] Comment: It is likely that the Soviets lay great stress on having a fleet of offensive speedboats in view of their tasks in the Baltic and its entrances. These would probably be boats with torpedos and rocket launchers and of high speed. It is also likely that these craft would be built only in Russian shipyards, perhaps with foreign motors. Reports from Eastern Germany concerning the construction of speedboats there make it clear that those vessels are built for the Sea Police and have a top speed of only 24-28 knots and also lack torpedo tubes. Such boats would have only defensive missions.
- 25X1 [redacted] Comment: Kiel Canal